

## SMYRNA

Last week's storm did some damage to trees in this locality and considerable amount of damage to telephone wires and poles.

Robert Earle, our rural mail carrier, reports that the roads are quite bad in places. After the last sleet storm, while out on his route, the top of his auto was nearly torn to pieces from coming in contact with ice laden branches of trees.

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Sunday guest of his grand mother, Mrs. Mary Tebbel and other relatives.

J. Miller, Smyrna teacher, is not improving in health, or rather, not recovering from his lameness as rapidly as he wishes. He is still getting about with difficulty.

Jack, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Mehney, is quite sick. Mrs. Elizabeth Davis visited with Mrs. Sylvester Osborn, Wednesday.

About thirty members of Smyrna have attended the Maccabee meeting Saturday night. They had a very enjoyable meeting. Candy and popcorn were served, and thoroughly appreciated.

Miss Gayla Penton, who has been home during spring vacation, started on her trip back to Ypsilanti, on Sunday. Dr. and Mrs. Penton took her as far as Iowa.

Mrs. Will Byrne and daughters, Marian and Marie, were visitors at the home of Ed. Insley and family, Wednesday.

W. E. Williams and George Pearson were in Wayland on business on Thursday and Friday.

Leo Ritterstorf, of Miriam and two friends from Grand Rapids, were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cowles.

The smallpox scare seems to be a thing of the past now. There are no more cases here.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Insley, of Grand Rapids and the latter's mother, Mrs. Sarah Madison, of Kalamazoo, visited with Ed. Insley and family, Saturday.

Mrs. Will Cowles and Mrs. Sarah Skellenger were in Belding, Wednesday and called on Mrs. Hannah Purdy.

Otis Seeley was a dinner guest of Alfred Davis and wife, Wednesday.

Mrs. Ernest Bunker, of Belding, was a guest of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Norton, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Towne and Mrs. Emma Lee, of Belding, visited with Hiram Olds and wife, Saturday and Sunday. Other Sunday guests at the Olds home were: Mrs. Glenn Lee and daughter, Arlene.

Mrs. Harry Clark called on Mrs. Sylvester Osborn, Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Penton and daughter, Miss Gayla, were Grand Rapids visitors, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Insley were home from Grand Rapids over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hulbert were Sunday guests of Geo. Hanks and wife.

Mrs. Emma Lee, of Belding, called on Mrs. Sylvester Osborn, Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Miller entertained the latter's father, Martin Swers and sister, Mrs. Harry Edwards, of Shiloh, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holzgen and Mrs. Josephine Fisher, of Miriam, were Sunday guests of Leo Cowles and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Clare Norton visited with Bert Norton and wife, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Condon motored over to Smoky Row, Sunday afternoon and visited with Glenn Sayles and wife.

Mrs. Robert Earle and daughters, Helen and Inez, returned home Sunday evening.

## WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

(Articles dealing with any public matter will be published under this head, when signed by the writer. They may or may not coincide with the publisher's opinion. If you have any subject of general interest to write on, you are welcome to space here.)

## Editor Banner-News:

In a recent issue of your valued paper there appeared an article about the candidacy, etc., of Hon. Fred L. Warner. The writer takes exception to the writing in question, in that it was very misleading. We are inclined to think that the Hon. Fred must have slipped ye editor some of that "Newberry stuff" for the "leader out" in the paper.

But, kind sir, you well know, we are sure, that along with the good things about Hon. Fred, or any other thing for that matter; goes the bad. And this you very carefully omitted from your item. You well remember, kind sir, that Hon. Fred was very much a Wayne county man in the last legislature—dominated by the political ring of Detroit, and as far as putting men on committees of his own selection, it would seem a very strange thing that out of fourteen important committees of the house, a Wayne county member was made the chairman. It was politics—pure and simple—and not a fair and square deal, as you try to claim for him.

You speak of Hon. Fred as having a lot of ammunition for a fight—if anyone wants one. I say to you, kind sir, it is not time someone is putting up a fight for Ionia county representation in our legislature? Is the Hon. Fred the only man in the county fit to represent us?

And, well do you know, that under his leadership as speaker of the house, one could not tell whether it was the legislature of Michigan in session, or the legislature of Wayne county and the City of Detroit. And kind sir, please tell your readers why it was that the Hon. Fred only appeared upon the floor of the house only once during the entire session if he was such a good man. I say—tell us—kind sir!

And, again, sir, you well know that we have too many little one-horse lawyers in our legislature already. We need more business men there, men who will uphold their own constituency instead of upholding some other favorite constituency and playing politics.

Yes, give us more good old government, of, for and by the people, and not one-horse lawyers and Wayne county politicians. And, Mr. Editor you know our next legislature will re-apportionate the state for representation, and what is Wayne county after?

Twenty more representatives and we are inclined to think Hon. Fred a very dangerous man to return at this time, for he is so used to politics that he would be very easy prey to the bunch from Wayne county. So in view of these acts of record, he should retire, and the

people need to look into the men who run for office, and not simply say, as one man did recently: "I vote the Republican ticket, I don't give a d—n who the candidates are."

But we hope, kind sir, that this does not apply to you, and that all things be given careful consideration and enlightenment in the future.

—G. C. Algee.

Editor's note—We believe Mr. Algee, writer of the above, is strong practically from start to finish and that he has based his opinion and writings on the misrepresentations set forth by a number of conscienceless political enemies of Mr. Warner's. No, Mr. Algee—our representative did not slip us any of the Newberry stuff, neither did we care to mislead anyone in the article to which you referred. We carried it as purely news matter. So far as Mr. Warner's being favorable to Wayne county is concerned that is an old fairy tale and Mr. Warner's political enemies have discarded that for other stories which they think a gullible public will be ready to swallow. So far in the campaign, we have yet to see a single instance of constructive criticism advanced by those opposed to Mr. Warner as a candidate for the legislature and the main opposition seems to come from persons who were disappointed in not being personally considered in committee or other appointments.

You must remember, Mr. Algee, that Mr. Warner did not elect himself to the speakership—but that a practical unanimous decision was made in the legislature of 100 members from all over the state in his favor and he was chosen speaker. The matter never even came to a vote—George Welsh the only other contender for the speakership, having only 12 or 14 members of the house backing him—and by the way some of the 12 or 14 were Wayne men.

We have talked with members of the legislature from Kent and other counties and they say that Warner was fair and that while he may have made mistakes, he also made a very good record as the representative from Ionia county. Furthermore these men tell me that fully two-thirds of the members of the old legislature are for Warner for speaker again and that prominent among the other one-third are the greedy members from Wayne county.

Your assertion, Mr. Algee, that Mr. Warner appeared on the floor of the house only once can be best answered by asking you the following questions: Should the speaker be, in his place before the house, directing the affairs of legislation or down on the floor of the house?

Honest, constructive criticism, Mr. Algee, is all right, but the political enemies of Mr. Warner will have none of that and are trying to tear down the work and bismirch the reputation of as good a man as ever represented Ionia county in the Capitol building at Lansing.—Editor

## Grattan Grange

Grattan Grange will meet Thursday evening, April 13 for its next regular meeting. A minstrel troop has been engaged to furnish the entertainment; so all Grangers come. Chop suey supper to be served.

## Oldest London Newspaper.

The Morning Post is London's oldest newspaper. On November 2, 1772 Rev. Sir Henry Bate-Dudley edited the first issue. Because of the great number of duels the editor fought, he was known as the Fighting Parson. His successor was also a clergyman.

## Notice

To whom it may concern: Take notice that the common council of the City of Belding deem it necessary and expedient and have determined by a resolution heretofore passed to construct a sewer within a sewer district known as Lateral "A" of sewer district No. 4 created by ordinance No. 170 of the City of Belding, Michigan, running thence south along the east line of Ashfield street to the northwest corner of lot No. 185 of Belding Land & Improvement Co's addition to the City of Belding; running thence east to the southeast corner of lot No. 158 of the Belding Land & Improvement Co's addition to the City of Belding; running thence south to the northwest corner of lot No. 1 of block No. 7 of Belding's second addition to the City of Belding; running thence east to the northwest corner of lot No. 4 of Belding's second addition to the City of Belding; running thence north to the northwest corner of lot No. 138 of the Belding Land & Improvement Co's addition to the City of Belding; thence running west to the northwest corner of lot No. 149 of the Belding Land & Improvement Co's addition to the City of Belding; the place of beginning, and to cause the same to be constructed upon the grades and in the dimensions and in accordance with the estimates, plans, plat and diagrams thereof, now on file in the office of the city clerk of said City of Belding.

And Further, that one-sixth (1-6) of the entire costs and expenses of establishing, making, laying and constructing said sewer as provided in said charter be paid out of the general sewer fund of said city and that the remainder of such costs and expenses be defrayed by a special assessment upon all of the taxable lands, lots and premises included within said sewer district known as Lateral "A" of sewer district No. 4 of said City of Belding, in proportion to the estimated benefits accruing upon each parcel respectively, from the construction of said sewer as provided by the charter of the City of Belding.

Take further notice, that the estimates, plans, plat and diagrams said above described improvement and sewer are now on file in the office of the city clerk of said city for examination and inspection by the public. Said sewer herein mentioned as Lateral "A" of Sewer

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Take further notice that on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1922 between the hours of eight in the forenoon and five in the afternoon, common council will be in session at the

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